

Appl. No. 10/780,159
Reply Dated May 2, 2006
Response to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated April 5, 2006


REMARKS

The Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated April 5, 2006 stated that the amendment document filed on March 29, 2006 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 or §1.4. Specifically, some of the claims, namely claims 1, 22 and 23, were not provided with the proper status identifier.

In response, Applicants are re-tendering the "Claim Amendments" section of the previous reply. Applicants respectfully submit that only the claim status indicator has been changed; thus, no "new matter" has been added to the present patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the present amendment correction be entered.

Should the Patent Office deem any further action on the part of Applicants to be desirable, the Office is invited to contact Applicants' representative.

Respectfully submitted,


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